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Art Unit: 1623

For: FUNCTIONALIZED DERIVATIVES OF
HYALURONIC ACID, FORMATION OF
HYDROGELS IN SITU USING SAME, AND
METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING
SAME

Examiner: Leigh C. Maier

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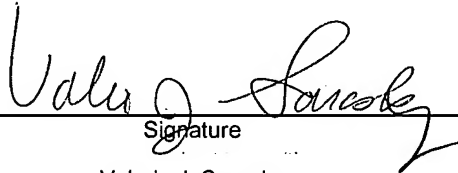
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